

# Senate Study Bill 1171 - Introduced

SENATE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
NATURAL RESOURCES AND  
ENVIRONMENT BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON ROZENBOOM)

## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to snowmobile registration and use of moneys  
2 from the special snowmobile fund.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321G.1, subsection 21, Code 2017, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 21. "*Public land*" means land owned by the federal  
4 government, the state, or political subdivisions of the state  
5 and land acquired or developed for public recreation pursuant  
6 to [section 321G.7](#). "*Public land*" includes but is not limited  
7 to a roadway or highway.

8 Sec. 2. Section 321G.7, subsection 2, Code 2017, is amended  
9 to read as follows:

10 2. The department shall remit the fees, including user  
11 permit fees collected pursuant to [section 321G.4A](#), to the  
12 treasurer of state, who shall place the money in a special  
13 snowmobile fund. The money is appropriated to the department  
14 for the snowmobile programs of the state. The programs shall  
15 include grants, subgrants, contracts, or cost-sharing of  
16 snowmobile programs with political subdivisions or incorporated  
17 private organizations or both, which may include the purchase,  
18 ownership, and maintenance of trail grooming equipment, in  
19 accordance with rules adopted by the commission. Snowmobile  
20 fees may be used to support snowmobile programs on a usage  
21 basis. At least ~~fifty~~ seventy percent of the special fund  
22 shall be available for political subdivisions or incorporated  
23 private organizations or both. Moneys from the special fund  
24 not used by the political subdivisions or incorporated private  
25 organizations or both shall remain in the fund and may be used  
26 by the department for the administration of the snowmobile  
27 programs. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys in the special  
28 fund shall not revert to the general fund of the state at  
29 the end of a fiscal year. Notwithstanding [section 12C.7](#),  
30 subsection 2, interest or earnings on moneys in the special  
31 fund shall remain in the fund.

32 Sec. 3. Section 321G.7, Code 2017, is amended by adding the  
33 following new subsection:

34 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. Notwithstanding any provision of law  
35 to the contrary, the department may donate trail grooming

1 equipment owned by the department to a political subdivision  
2 or incorporated private organization receiving moneys from the  
3 fund after the useful life of the trail grooming equipment to  
4 the department has expired.

5 Sec. 4. Section 321G.8, Code 2017, is amended by adding the  
6 following new subsection:

7 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. Snowmobiles registered in an organized  
8 special event authorized pursuant to section 321G.16 when such  
9 snowmobiles are operated within the boundaries of the event.

10 EXPLANATION

11 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
12 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

13 This bill defines "public land" as the term relates to  
14 snowmobile operation under Code chapter 321G to include  
15 roadways and highways. Under current law, the operation of  
16 snowmobiles on roadways and highways is regulated by Code  
17 section 321G.9.

18 The bill increases the share of the special snowmobile fund  
19 to be allocated to political subdivisions or incorporated  
20 private organizations from 50 percent to 70 percent, and allows  
21 political subdivisions and incorporated private organizations  
22 to use moneys from the fund for the purchase, ownership, and  
23 maintenance of trail grooming equipment. Under current law,  
24 the remainder of the fund is allocated to the department of  
25 natural resources (DNR) for administration of snowmobile  
26 programs. The bill permits the DNR to donate trail grooming  
27 equipment owned by the DNR to a political subdivision or  
28 incorporated private organization receiving moneys from the  
29 fund after the useful life of the trail grooming equipment to  
30 the DNR has expired.

31 The bill exempts from the snowmobile registration  
32 requirements snowmobiles registered in an organized special  
33 event authorized by the DNR when such snowmobiles are operated  
34 within the boundaries of the event.